

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2006.

Claims 9 and 10 are currently pending in this application, with claims 9 and 10 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

At least for the following reasons, if the allowance of the claims is not forthcoming at the very least and a new ground of rejection made, then a **new non-final Office Action** is respectfully requested.

Page 2 of the Office Action indicates a rejection of claims 1-3; 5-7; and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 851 422 to Nakagawa et al. (Nakagawa) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,628,338 to Elberbaum et al. (Elberbaum) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,141,034 to McCutchen.

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 - While not conceding the propriety of this rejection and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claims 1-3 and 5-7 have been canceled.

Claim 9 - Claim 9 is drawn to an optical disc camcorder comprising:

a base plate assembly;

a pair of rotary shafts; and

a camcorder main body having an internal sub-chassis,

wherein said base plate assembly is mounted on said sub-chassis,

wherein each of said rotary shafts is individually attached to opposite ends of said sub-chassis along a longitudinal axis so that said sub-chassis is swingably attached along a longitudinal axis of said pair of rotary shafts and said base plate assembly rotates axially about each rotary shaft, and

wherein a weight is attached to a first portion of said base plate assembly so that the center of gravity of said base plate assembly is shifted towards the first portion, and

wherein the first portion of said base plate assembly is located below said pair of rotary shafts so that said base plate assembly freely rotates about said pair of rotary shafts to preserve a constant posture based on the position of the center of gravity of said base plate assembly relative to said pair of rotary shafts.

Nakagawa - Nakagawa arguably teaches a disk recording apparatus that includes a disk device chassis 13 (Nakagawa at Figure 2).

Nakagawa arguably teaches an optical pick-up 10 and an objective lens 25 (Nakagawa at Figures 1, 6).

Nakagawa arguably teaches a biaxial actuator 31 (Nakagawa at Figures 6, 7, 8).

Nakagawa arguably teaches shaft 52 (Nakagawa at Figure 8).

However, the Office Action fails to show that shaft 52 of Nakagawa is attached to the disk device chassis 13.

Nakagawa arguably teaches insulators 14 (Nakagawa at Figure 2).

Additionally, the Office Action fails to show that the disk device chassis 13 swingably attached along a longitudinal axis of the insulators 14.

Nakagawa arguably teaches a carriage 26 (Nakagawa at Figure 7).

However, the Office Action fails to show that the carriage 26 rotates axially about the insulators 14.

The Office Action contends that the cameral main body 2 of Nakagawa is the sub-chassis of claim 9 (Office Action at page 3).

In response, the Office Action fails to show that shaft 52 of Nakagawa is attached to the camera main body 2.

- *Thus, the Office Action fails to show Nakagawa teaches that each of said rotary shafts is individually attached to opposite ends of said sub-chassis along a longitudinal axis so that said sub-chassis is swingably attached along a longitudinal axis of said pair of rotary shafts and said base plate assembly rotates axially about each rotary shaft.*

Elberbaum - Elberbaum arguably teaches a direct drive electric motor apparatus incorporating slip ring assembly.

Elberbaum arguably teaches that wires 8 connected at one ends to the brushes of the slip ring assembly 6 are fed through an opening in the holder bracket 7 and are connected at their other ends to the rotating rings of a slip ring assembly 9 mounted inside the shaft of the rotor 16 of the tilting motor 10 (Elberbaum at Figure 1, column 3, lines 13-18).

However, Elberbaum fails to disclose, teach, or suggest that each of the slip ring assemblies 6, 9 is individually attached to opposite ends of a sub-chassis along a longitudinal axis.

Instead, Elberbaum arguably teaches the presence of a horizontal axis H and a vertical axis V (Elberbaum at Figure 1).

- *Thus, Elberbaum fails to disclose, teach, or suggest that each of said rotary shafts is individually attached to opposite ends of said sub-chassis along a longitudinal axis so that said sub-chassis is swingably attached along a longitudinal axis of said pair of rotary shafts and said base plate assembly rotates axially about each rotary shaft.*

McCutchen - McCutchen arguably teaches an immersive imaging method and apparatus.

McCutchen arguably teaches a rotary motor 156 and a tilting motor 160 (McCutchen at Figure 9A).

- *However, McCutchen fails to disclose, teach, or suggest that each of said rotary shafts is individually attached to opposite ends of said sub-chassis along a longitudinal axis so that said sub-chassis is swingably attached along a longitudinal axis of said pair of rotary shafts and said base plate assembly rotates axially about each rotary shaft.*

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Newly added claim

Claim 10 is drawn to an optical disc camcorder comprising:

a camcorder main body having an internal sub-chassis,

a base plate assembly mounted on said sub-chassis;

rotary shafts disposed along a longitudinal axis, said rotary shafts being swingably attached to said sub-chassis,

wherein said base plate assembly is adapted to rotate axially about each of said rotary shafts.

At least for the reasons provided hereinabove, Nakagawa, Elberbaum, and McCutchen, either individually or as a whole, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest all claimed features.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Fees

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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